

**FR. THOMAS J. TIERNEY. SDB.**

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of the Very Rev. Thomas Tierney, who died on Wednesday last, April 16th 1924, after a brief illness. The deceased, who was just 34 years of age, was in the tenth year of his priesthood and had won the esteem and love of all who knew him

Thomas was born in Liverpool on the 18th September 1889. Both his parents died before he was ten years old and his aunt cared for Thomas for the next few years. As a boy Fr. Tierney received his early training at the Xaverian College, Mayfield and later at Salesian School, Battersea. Whilst at Battersea he expressed a wish to try his vocation as a priest and he applied for entry to the Salesian Novitiate at Burwash. He was professed as a Salesian in 1907. Bro. Thomas then moved to the Salesian College at Farnborough where he acted as teacher, assistant and bursar until he was ordained there in 1914. He remained at Farnborough until 1920 when he was given the difficult task of transforming the Novitiate house at Burwash into a school for young boys. The Novitiate house then became part of the House of Philosophy at , Oxford. The work at Burwash was arduous and entailed much labour and self-sacrifice but his zeal and devotion surmounted all obstacles and rendered possible and feasible what at first sight seemed impossible of attainment, and his three and a half years of Rectorship were eminently successful. Kind, gentle and tactful, Fr. Tierney endeared himself to all, and was always regarded as a model priest. His loss is deeply felt by the Congregation, for all looked for great things from him, and whilst lamenting this loss, they also wish to extend their heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved relatives.

The interment took place in the Salesian cemetery at Burwash on Holy Saturday. The obsequies were performed by Fr. Provincial and a large gathering of priests took part in the service. Besides numerous representatives from the Salesian schools of Chertsey, Farnborough, Battersea and Burwash and the Xaverian College, Mayfield, there were also present the Very Rev. A. Sutherland, Very Rev. J. Simonetti, and the Very Rev. Fr. Cuthbert. C. P. (Rector of Highgate) May his good and kindly soul rest in peace.

Fr. C. Scaloni. (Provincial)

- Fr. Thomas Tierney, born in Liverpool on the 18th September 1889, died at Burwash on the 16th April 1924 in the 34th year of his age, 17th of profession and 10th of priesthood.